

West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee (WBHPL)

Funding

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WBHPL Grant Funding

Funding Committed via Written Agreements	Funding Agency	Funding Currently Accessible
\$ 6.8 M	DOTD – Willowridge Levee	\$ 1.9 M
\$ 5.8 M	DOTD – Willowridge Pump Station	\$ 0.1 M
\$ 4.5 M	CPRA	\$ 1.7 M
<u>\$ 1.0 M</u>	FP&C State Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 1.0 M</u>
\$18.1 M	Total	\$ 4.7 M



Grant Funding Facts

- DOTD funding is allocated to the Parish over 5-7 year period as state legislature appropriates funding each year to the program. Only \$2M out of \$12.6M has been allocated in the past two years.
- Balance of CPRA funding remaining is \$1.7M. The Parish has already utilized the difference for expenditures such as surveying, land acquisition, legal fees, soil testing, and engineering.
- All grants are reimbursable basis. The Parish must construct projects with Parish funds set aside and wait sometimes months for reimbursement.
- Grant agreements constitute a commitment to complete the project in a timely manner. Failure to complete the project in a timely manner will jeopardize the grant funding.
- Grant funding is secured based upon estimated costs. If bids exceed cost estimates, the Parish will likely have to fund 100% of the excess and have funding in place to move forward with construction.
- In order to continue to apply for grant funding, the Parish must have funds set aside to cover local matching share requirement. Later this year, the Parish will apply for grant funding for Ellington Pump Station and will need to set aside funding to do so.



WBHPL Fund Revenues

Fund 310 - WBHPL

\$ 2.1 M	Beginning Fund Balance
\$ 4.7 M	Grant Funding (currently accessible)
<u>\$20.0 M</u>	General Fund Transfer
\$26.8 M	Total Revenues Available



WBHPL Projects In Progress

Projects	
\$29.0 M	Willowridge Levee (Design 100% complete) & Pump Station (Design 60% complete)
\$ 1.4 M	Ellington Surveying, Land Acquisition, Soil Testing
<u>\$ 9.0 M</u>	Ellington Pump Station
\$39.4 M	Total Estimated Expenditures

- Parish focus not limited to this list of projects. Goal is to secure permit for Magnolia Ridge phase and continue design of all aspects of levee system, because experience has shown that shovel ready projects attract funding.
- Looking ahead, if successful securing grant for Ellington P.S. and receive RESTORE Act monies combined with additional Parish funding, plan to complete first lift of Ellington levee - an important milestone in the three phase levee system that will give the Parish the ability to fight flooding using same interim protection measures now used in the Sunset Drainage District.
- Continue working with state and Lafourche Basin Levee District (LBLD) on plan to consolidate levee systems west of Davis Diversion and provide a closed system of flood protection extending into Lafourche Parish.



Sunset Drainage District Parish Plan of Action

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding – Hurricane Isaac SDD Pump Station Improvements

\$561,199	Federal Share (75%)
<u>\$187,066</u>	Local Share (25%)
\$748,265	Total

- Parish assessment of SDD Pump Station on 6/17/13. Formulate plan for improvements and submit grant application due 8/6/13 for ~ \$750K for SDD Pump Station Improvements contingent upon Parish Council assumption of responsibility for the SDD.
- Parish has arranged to fund surveying and soil testing of SDD levee through agreement with LBLD to formulate plan using resulting data for future improvements.

Summary

- Diverting monies from the levee fund will threaten completion of Willowridge phase and stop progress on Ellington phase, both projects that after several years of effort have been permitted by state and federal agencies.
- Parish assumption of responsibility for SDD is crucial to the state's acceptance of LBLD's plan to consolidate levee systems west of Davis Diversion and provide a closed system extending into Lafourche Parish.
- Acceptance into state's Coastal Master Plan opens greater opportunities for grant funding for the project.
- "United we stand, divided we fall." (Aesop) We appeal to you to stand united with us in our efforts to provide a closed system of flood protection for the West Bank that will be recognized by FEMA as a non-accredited levee and lower BFEs.